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THE SHEKEL will strive to be informative, interesting, educational and entertaining. To that end, it will endeavor to obtain articles and treatises from leading authorities in the United States, Israel and from other countries.

Finally, *THE SHEKEL* will be of interest not only to advanced collectors and numismatists but also to those just starting out on that delightful path leading to greater understanding and knowledge of Israeli numismatics.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I had no idea how moved with emotion I would be—to plant a tree. It was my pleasure — representing YOU and for those who could not be with us on the *Seventh Annual Study Tour to Israel*—to plant the first tree

in the AINA Forest. It was a climactic moment to a thrilling trip—one rich with many memories of good fellowship, the joy of renewing our acquaintance with the phenomena of the ever-emerging Israel. In these pages you will find descriptions and photographs of the actual moments which cannot convey the excitement or the color of the many events which crowded our days.

But forever: it was on the *Seventh Tour* that the AINA Forest had its first plantings. Imagine—on the slopes of Jerusalem . . . on the hillside of

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THIRD ANNUAL GREATER NEW YORK COIN CONVENTION SPONSORED BY AINA

(MAY 1-4, 1975)

AINA's *Third Annual Convention* was a smash success with numerous numismatic luminaries speaking at educational forums and at the packed-attendance Saturday evening banquet.

The combination of a three-part auction by Paramount International Coin Corporation; an exhibits area with over 100 cases; a bourse with 100 dealers who gathered at the New York Sheraton Convention from all over America attracted numismatists from all nearby states. Some attendees came from as far as Florida, California, Illinois and other distant areas.

Surprise of the show was the repeat win by Stanley Yulish of the Best-in-Show (see *Awards and Winners* listed on page 5). Mr. Yulish was also winner in 1974 of the top prize at AINA's *Second Annual Convention*.

Such special events as an all-day *Youth Day*; an all-day AINA Day with its own Educational Forum; the formation at this convention of the new *Metro N. Y. Tokens and Medals Society*; and the well-attended educational activities made this convention one of the finest held anywhere in the world, stated Convention Chairman, Edward Janis.



Y. Avni, Jerusalem, awards Morris Bram a unique medal for services to numismatics.



Medal awarded Bram: trial strike of the yet-unannounced medal honoring "Jewish Brigade" volunteers.



Virginia Culver, President of ANA, spoke briefly at Convention Banquet.



Morris Bram, president of AINA, at swearing-in ceremony of new Board members: Gould, Olson, Abelson, Kagan; (absent) Messing.



A section of the Bourse.



David Rivlin, Consul-General of Israel, spoke briefly at AINA Banquet.



Ed Janis, Conv. Chairman, welcomes Virginia Culver, Pres. of ANA to Convention.



Morris Bram accepts plaque from "Franklin Mint" on peace theme for decoration of new AINA offices.



Meeting of the Bicentennial Year ANA Convention Committee met to plan N.Y. 1976 ANA Convention.



Outstanding numismatic luminaries included Eva Adams, Virginia Culver, Margo Russell and Florence Schook.



Registration Booth welcomed close to 7,000 visitors. Standing l. to r., M. Bram and M. Granis; seated: Irwin Stoff with aides.



Morris Bram, Hon. Conv. Chairman; Ed Janis, Conv. Chairman; and Y. Avni, guest speaker at Convention Banquet.



Youth Day included swearing-in ceremonies.

BANQUET SPEECH BY YITZHAK AVNI

(After greeting his audience, and making it abundantly clear that he was speaking as a private Israeli citizen and not as a representative of the Government of Israel, Mr. Avni shared his views on war-and-peace with an audience of over 200 AINA friends, members and numismatic luminaries gathered from across America).

"I believe that Egypt does not want a war. If we take the economic news that the USSR is asking that Egypt repay the debt of \$7-billions owed to the Soviets for equipment furnished for the 1967 and Yom Kippur Wars, I wonder if money is not one of the reasons that President Sadat has asked to visit the U. S. From that \$7-billion in equipment, Israel captured materiel worth about \$5-billion. So Sadat cannot give it back and I believe he will ask the U. S. for a solution which would solve Egypt's indebtedness.

Now your President has not told me what he will do. The possibility is that since it is in the U. S. interest to win over to the Western side Egyptian and other interests that the U. S. will find a way to help Egypt find a way out.

* * *

There is another factor. Egypt has 35-million citizens versus the 3.5-million citizens of Israel; we are outnumbered 10-1. Yet the general gross income of Egypt and Israel is *exactly the same*. Thus it is not inaccurate to state that the standard of living per citizen is ten-times higher than that of the Egyptian citizen. Clearly Egypt cannot afford the losses of yet another war. With nearly 5-million of her young people in schools, reading papers and seeing foreign publications, hearing overseas radios, the truth of the quality of life elsewhere is permeating her people.

My conclusion today is that for economic reasons Egypt is not interested in another war.

The Arab states must realize once and for all that there will be no peace in the Middle East if they do not recognize the State of Israel and the right of Israel to live securely without daily anxiety and fear of another outbreak. The Arab states must also realize that a peace agreement is not just a piece of paper. To me it means not only diplomatic relationships but also tourist trade and exchanges of cultural programs based on mutual trust.

But if they do not see these facts, I doubt that in our generation we will have peace in the Middle East. My friends, what we seek is concrete security—not just a formal peace. What we want is to see Arab willingness to see Israel exist on our terms so that future Arab regimes will not reverse agreements reached in the past: 1) secure boundaries; and 2) we want more than guarantees from Super-Powers (*who is going to guarantee the guarantees?*)

* * *

We will not give in to Arab pressure—to the petro-dollar or to dictation of policy by an Arab country—or by ANY country. We will NOT purposefully commit suicide.

I firmly believe we will have—if not peace—at least the *status quo*. We live in a state of NO War and fulfil the mission for which purpose the State of Israel has been established.

It says in our Bible: the world can only exist if three conditions will be fulfilled and maintained. 1) Law and order; 2) justice; and 3) peace. So let

us all hope that these three conditions will prevail and penetrate into the brains of the politicians of this world so that all of us, regardless of where we live, or our color, creed or religion may live according to those principles.

Last year at this great convention I wished to be invited to Cairo to teach the Egyptians the basics of numismatics. I would have gone to give them the know-how of all I have accumulated. My wish did not come true. But perhaps for the *Fourth Annual Convention* it will come true. I hope I can tell you then that I have received such an invitation.

Then I will be able to make a recommendation to the Government of Israel that we strike a Peace Coin to commemorate the Peace and prosperity that has been denied to our region for three decades. It is with the thought and from the meaning of such a peace coin, I bid you farewell tonight in my own language, in the words of Peace, SHALOM.

YITZHAK AVNI

YULISH, 1974 BEST-OF-SHOW WINNER, REPEATS HIS TRIUMPH IN 1975

NON-COMPETITIVE

John Jay Pittman — *Rarities*
Jackson C. Storm — *Medieval Gold*
Irwin Stoff — *Israel 25 Pruta Specimen*
Fred Bertram — *Special Israel Exhibit*
John J. Gabriel — *ANA Promotion Display*
Rev. Edward J. Hogan, S.J. — *Holy Year 1925-1975*

Max Vlotkoffsky — *PNC's of Israel*
Best of Show: Numismatic Reflections of Ghetto (LODZ) — Stanley Yulish.

COMPETITIVE

CLUB EXHIBIT — LONG ISLAND COIN CLUB — *Selected Rarities.*

CLASS 1 — UNITED STATES

1st Place — *United States Commemorative 500 — Joaquin Medina*
2nd Place — *St. Gaudens: A Prelude to Art on Coins — Emil Voight*

CLASS 2 — STATE OF ISRAEL

1st Place — *Music Medals of Israel — Emanuel J. Rubin, M.D.*
2nd Place — *Medals of Israel — Philip Sperber, P.E.*

CLASS 3 — ANCIENT BIBLICAL

No Awards.

CLASS 4 — NUMISMATICA JUDAICA

1st Place — *Plaquettes of Boris Schatz — R. S. White*

CLASS 5 — JUNIOR

1st Place — *Colonial Coinage of Connecticut — Doug Winter*
2nd Place — *Israel Must Live (Medal) — Aaron Oppenheim*

CLASS 6 — MISCELLANEOUS

1st Place — *Medalllic Variety — Thomas C. Wilfred*
2nd Place — *Notgelt — Agnes Alones*



Standing: Morris Bram with Best-of-Show winner, Stanley Yulish (seated right), with INS of Toronto friends at a convention corner.





Departure: March 4, 1975 at Kennedy Airport, N. Y.

ISRAEL TOUR GROUP FOR 1975 HAS HIGHLIGHT CEREMONY LAUNCHING AINA FOREST

by Rose Reich

On March 4, 1975, 23 AINA members led by Morris Bram, embarked on the 7th Annual AINA Study Tour to Israel. We were Samuel Berlin, Morris Bram, Louis Bream, G. Gross, Brian Hersch, Lillie Janko, Dorothy and Howard Kahn, Abraham Kianofsky, Susan and Jon Mandell, yours truly Rose and Arthur Reich, Leonard Reuven, Elizabeth and Sol Rivelis, Fred Roganson, Helen and Morton Ronick, Robert Seidener, Jake and Henry Sureck, Jay J. Van Grover and Max Vlotkofsky.

We arrived in Haifa on Wednesday where we were met by our guide for 12 days, Tsion Misrachi. We checked

into the Dan Carmel Hotel, our home for the next four days.

Thursday: our first touring day. We drove around the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias where we walked to the highest point and were able to see the Golan Heights and the Kibbutzim below. The view was beautiful. In Rosh Hanikra on the coast of the Lebanon border we went on the cable car to the grotto. This led us to the underground caves.

Friday: we visited the National Maritime Museum in Haifa. Dr. Ben-Eli, director, gave a short talk on scientific instruments and medals. Since the Sabbath begins at 4 P. M., we were back in our hotel at 3 P. M.

Saturday night: we met with the Haifa-area numismatists. Mr. Eli Semmelman, president of the Haifa club, and Mr. David HaCohen, author and ex-member of the Knesset, were our guest speakers for the evening. Mr. Semmelman was presented with the *Henry Kissinger Peace Medal*. Mr. HaCohen was presented with the *Gerald Ford Medal*. It was an evening of unusual numismatics with experts meeting American enthusiasts.

Sunday: we start our journey to Tel Aviv with a visit to the grave site of Edward Rothchild and his wife. Our next stop: Caesarea. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zifkin, members of our AINA in Canada, graciously invited us for lunch in their home. We continued our trip to the absorption center in Nantanea. At day's end, we arrived at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv: it is like New York metropolitan area: noisy traffic and crowded market places.

Monday: One of the highlights for the day was our visit to the *Kadman Numismatic Museum*. Mr. Ari Kindler, our host for the morning, was unable to be with us. Dr. Klimowski stepped in and gave all a history lesson on ancient coins.

One most interesting spot which one cannot overlook, was the *Chaim Weizmann Institute*. We looked at his books and papers from his childhood until the time of his death and learned of the current Institute efforts in such fields as cancer research.

Monday evening: Dr. and Mrs. Klimowski with other Tel Aviv numismatists, joined us for dinner. Morris presented Dr. Klimowski with the *Gerald Ford Medal*. The speeches were short; the food was good; it was another unusual numismatic educational-social event which makes the AINA tour so unique.

Tuesday: Our day of leisure. Arthur and I took a ride to the *Ben Gurion Museum*. To our great disappointment,



Final days of the Tour: the group at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.



Morris Bram and Lt. Comm. Ben-Eli, at Haifa Maritime Museum.

we found the building closed. Like all good tourists, we went bargain shopping. There are bargains for shoppers in clothing, jewelry, art, etc.

Wednesday: our last day in Tel Aviv. We toured to Ashdod, Israel's newest seaport and on to Ashkelon. Here the absorption center (*Canadian House*) was a little different. We observed the children, saw how they lived and also spoke with their mothers.

Thursday thru Sunday: Bright and early, we began our tour to Jerusalem, a beautiful and exciting city. Today's skyline includes the new high rise condominiums and hotels such as the Hilton Hotel where we stayed for four days.

To describe all the places we visited, I would have to fill a book. However what I found touching, was the Western Wall, Massada, the Old Quarters in Hebron, Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Memorial Museum) and Mt. Zion.

The one place which brought back warm memories, was *Mea Shearim*, the ultra-orthodox community, with its own shopping quarters; it somehow reminded me of my childhood days on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. I had a wonderful feeling.

Monday: This day was a very special happy one for all of us. Our group participated in the *Inauguration Ceremony* of the AINA Forest, at the John F. Kennedy Peace Forest Memorial, in Jerusalem. Each one of us had the pleasure of planting our own trees.

In the evening, we had our Gala Farewell Banquet. Cantor Susan Mandell and her husband, gave the benediction. Our guests for the evening, were Mr. & Mrs. Yitzhak Avni, Director-General of the Israel Government Coins and Medals; Mr. & Mrs. Shalom Doron; Mr. & Mrs. Mordechai Surkis, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Coins and Medals; Mr. & Mrs. Max Vidar, Director of Tourism. At our table, for example, we had the pleasure of sitting with Mr. & Mrs. Shmuel Aviezer, head of Currency Supply unit, for the *Bank of Israel*.



An Award to Dr. Klimowski from Tour Leader, Bram.

Morris Bram was presented with the *Silver Tourism Medal*.

After dinner, we were shown a special film. It was the story of Israel and the creation of Israel Medals, produced by Yael Roe, A.B.C. Television.

Before we left Israel, Morris presented to each one of us, the following:

*For planting trees, a wooden token.
One £10.00 Bialik paper note, framed in a plastic display holder bearing our name.*



Fred Roganson at Carmel Winery display.



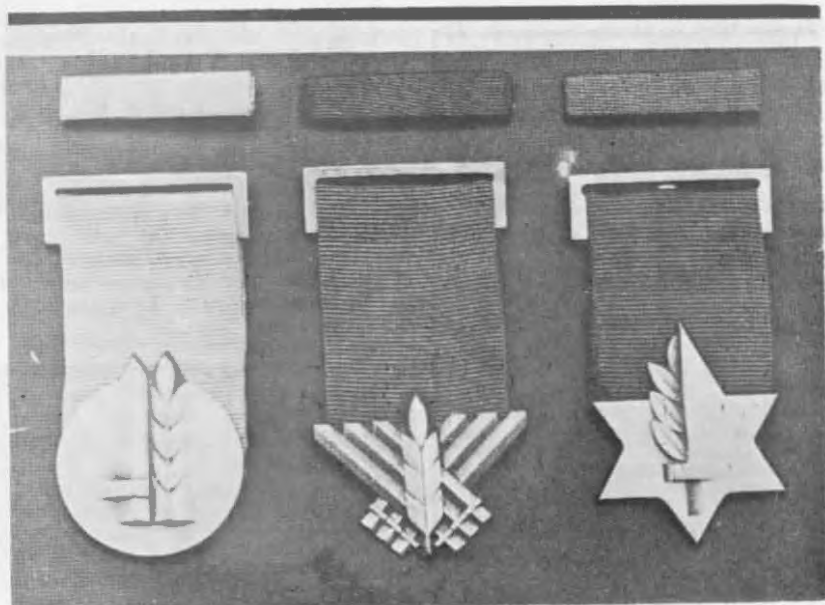
In Haifa.

AINA TOUR (Continued)

One special Bronze J. N. F. Medal of which only 30 were issued.
On behalf of my husband Arthur

and myself, I want to say many thanks to Morris Bram, for a magnificent job of preparation and presentation.

ISRAEL ANNOUNCES MEDALS AWARDED FOR BRAVERY IN YOM KIPPUR WAR



(L. to R.): Exemplary Conduct Medal; Medal for Courage; Medal of Valour.

AINA GROVE BELOW KENNEDY MEMORIAL LAUNCHED BY MARCH TOUR GROUP IN CEREMONY

In a moving ceremony conducted at the site on the slope below the Kennedy Memorial on the outskirts of Jerusalem, nearly 2000 trees have been planted as the start of the AINA Forest, an eternal contribution of the American Israel Numismatic Association and its supporters.

Surprise development of the day was the announcement by Morris Bram president of AINA, of a special matching fund pledged by AINA member and prominent numismatist, A. H. Kagan of Long Island, New York. Mr. Kagan is providing \$2500.00 to match the first \$2500.00 of funds for the *Jewish National Fund* tree-planting

project "in honor of his friends, Morris Bram and Yitzhak Avni, Director General of the IGCAM".

Starting with a plan announced first by Ed Shade of the INS of Massachusetts in 1974, a year of effort has seen sales through AINA clubs of nearly 800 trees. The members of the *AINA Seventh Annual Study Tour of Israel* on the site for the launching of the AINA forest contributed funds for a further 130 trees. The addition of the 850 trees made possible by the Kagan donation brought the initial AINA forestry effort close to the 2,000 tree mark.

"There is no question", said Mr.

THE JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL AND PEACE FOREST

High in the Judean Hills, a 15-minute drive from Jerusalem, in a setting associated with the Bible, the John F. Kennedy Memorial stands as a symbol of the valiant struggle for peace and justice in our time.

The edifice is designed in the shape of a trunk of a tree, felled before its prime — as a symbol to the life of the youthful President.

The Memorial crowns a high peak — which is also shaped like a truncated tree. Its 51 pylons ascend in streamlines around the contours of the structure and make up the Memorial building.

Each pylon — 23 feet high — represents a State in the American Union, plus the District of Columbia. Within the Memorial building are a bronze relief of John Kennedy's bust and the eternal flame, which is a

replica of the flame burning at his tomb at Arlington.

The structure, set on a circular plaza, was inaugurated on the Fourth of July, America's Independence Day, 1966. Here, many Americans attend dedication ceremonies for groves, woods or forests which are daily expanding the John F. Kennedy Peace Forest and its more than four million trees encircling the Memorial. To the thousands of visitors and tourists who come to plant trees with their own hands at this most popular of the Fund's nine planting centers, the Memorial is a reminder of the democratic ideals and the ties which bind the peoples of the United States and Israel.

Initiated by the Jewish National Fund of America, the project was carried out by the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, Jerusalem.



Highlight moment during the Seventh Annual Study Tour to Israel was the visit to the Kennedy Memorial and the formal ceremony on the actual spot where each group member planted trees as the start of the AINA Grove, the first numismatic-sponsored forest in Israel below the tree-trunk shaped Memorial (symbolizing a young life cut down too soon).



Tour members plant trees under direction of experienced JNF foresters.



Specially struck JNF medal for AINA tour members: only 30 were struck to honor first planters. Bronze: 35mm.

Shade, "that efforts within the AINA groups and at the other AINA functions will bring further checks to top the 2000-tree mark by mid-year of 1975."

The brief ceremony included a special blessing by Rabbi C. Weiler of the event conducted in Hebrew and then in English to sanctify the moment of the planting. The barren stony slope within the lifetime of most AINA members should be a verdant grove of peace and contentment, nestled against the memorial building which honors one of America's leading presidents and the US-Israel friendship, stated Mr. Bram.

HOW TO ORDER TREES

Your contribution to the AINA Forest may be as small as a single tree (\$3.00) which may be sent directly to JNF, 42 East 69 Street, N. Y. 10021. Specify: AINA FOREST. Club officers collecting at club affairs should send checks and money orders directly to the JNF, marked "AINA FOREST"; do not make checks out to AINA or remit to AINA during this AINA-endorsed drive.

ABOUT OUR

He told me a long time ago, before AINA was formed, that coin collecting was THE hobby, and a good investment too. I'm his nephew (and Godson as well), so why shouldn't he have told me and why shouldn't I have listened?

Well, I *didn't* listen in those early days and I *didn't* listen to his advice about Israel numismatics until 61 AINA life memberships had passed; then I listened, and became LM#62.

At family gatherings, Morris delighted in recalling his first attendance of a coin club meeting (*L.I. Coin Club*.) He had until then, been a sporadic collector of U. S. silver dollars and for health reasons wanted a hobby to absorb his dynamic drive. When he arrived home that evening from the meeting and told Lena (his wife) that he had purchased some Lincoln cents for the munificent sum of about \$14, she thought his mind had surely failed.

His explanation that the lot included an uncirculated 1909-S-vdb (which now sells for close to \$300) did little to convince Lena that her spouse had flipped! The reaction of his family was similarly despondent. *Poor Morris* — his years of hard work had finally taken the inevitable toll. Imagine paying so much money for a handful of pennies.

We watched him accumulate B.U. rolls of U. S. coins and then Canadian silver coins, and finally Israel coins.

When Morris met Israel coins (or did Israel coins meet Morris?) a new glow overcame him. His enthusiasm at family gatherings was not believable. What did he find so fascinating to escalate him into this new branch of numismatics and was it ever again going to be possible to get a single word into a conversation with him? He was a man possessed.

THANK YOU, MORRIS BRAM

The very existence of AINA and the growth of its clubs, tours, conventions, educational programs and other activities has only been possible by the single-handed efforts of one man: Morris Bram.

A longtime numismatist who became fired with the idea that the numismatics of Israel were truly the best ambassadors of good will for Israel, Morris Bram, national president, newly elected to the Presidency by the Board for his fifth two-year term. We are pleased to present this portrait in words created by friends and admirers across the Nation. The Editor regrets that we could not include expressions of gratitude to Morris Bram which could not be accommodated in these pages and which arrived too late for publication.

Until, like yourself, Morris reads these words and these surprise pages, he had no idea that we would make a lasting editorial tribute to this wonderful leader and friend. — The Editor.



Morris . . . as a teenager.

MORRIE

What did Lena say to all this? It was okay with her as long as Morris was happy. She adopted the devoted wife's attitude. She probably thought it would be a passing fad. In retrospect, had she known how much hard work would be in store for her, she would have left Morris and the country. The mere mention of a new idea to form a national club for Israel numismatics should have been her cue to run. She stayed, but anyone who knows Lena, will acknowledge that she is happily buried alive in AINA paperwork. However, she spends many lonely nights away from Morris, the most willing bird of flight in Israel numismatics today.

Morris is ageless and more enthusiastic each year. His energy is inspiring and appears limitless as he plans conventions, trips, speeches, lec-

tures, and administers the third largest numismatics organization in this country.

So why didn't I buy a few dozen *Seafaring* coins in 1963 when he told me to? I don't know why!

But now when Morris speaks, we listen.—Jules K. Lambek,

AINA-LM62,
INSQ-11

We've all heard of the Unsinkable Molly Brown. Well, in my estimation, it's the Unflappable Morris Bram. In all the years I've known him, I've never seen him stop smiling. The warmth that exudes from that nice smile melts everyone, including his dear wife, Lena, who inspires that smile so often.



Morris . . . doing his young Maurice Chevalier act.



Morris and Lena are awarded Numismatic Ambassador citation by Chet Krause, Numismatic News Weekly.

He smiled me past a tough security guard who was about to throw my tape recorder and me with it into the Kennedy International Airport pokey.

He smiled a recalcitrant hotel clerk in Tel Aviv into admitting we had paid for a substantial amount of stamps in cash, although they were also billed to us.

For the biggest Bram smile of all—just talk about coins and coin people!
Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)
Editor, Coin World

... and From the West

My friend Morris has spoken about AINA at each of the AINA-sponsored Israel numismatic meetings in Los Angeles. On every occasion he has expounded the wonderful attributes of New York City, and has a reputation for doing this whenever possible. The last occasion at which it happened was in Dec. 1974 at the 1st joint meeting of the four Israel coin clubs in Southern California. On the day prior to this meeting, Morris had visited a very large wild animal farm called Lion

Country Safari. As chairman of joint meeting, I explained this to the audience and said since Morris feels so strongly about New York City, I am changing its name to Bram Country Safari, and that is how we referred to New York City for the rest of the meeting.—Ben Abelson, Los Angeles

... From Central Jersey

I remember back in 1973 the aid and assistance that Morris gave us in starting up I.N.S.C.J. The boundless energy and ceaseless devotion to Israel numismatics impressed us all. May we wish him continued success.

Carl Rosenblum,
INS of Central Jersey

... a Massachusetts Project

When I originally proposed, what was eventually to be named the "AINA Forest", I had many occasions to speak with Morris to implement the idea. Many problems arose and Morris told me that "obstacles are there to be overcome." As we all know, the in-



Morris: honored by over 100 awards for his numismatic contributions.



Morris . . . with Arie Kindler at the Kadman Museum, Tel-Aviv.

auguration of the "AINA FOREST" was held in Jerusalem, Israel on March 17, 1975. The dream was starting to come true—as Morris had predicted.—Ed Shade,

Past President INS of Mass.
AINA FOREST PROJECT
National Chairman

. . . an Irish Jig in Michigan

Back in Oct. of 1974, Morris Bram and Nachum Hacohen were the Guests of Honor at the Second Great Lakes INS Seminar in Birmingham, Mich. On the night of the banquet after the speeches had been made, the awards awarded, we settled down for the entertainment of the evening. A young talented couple who did some modern and folk dancing to taped music. One of their last numbers was an Irish (type) jig. Before we knew it, Morris (yes, Morris Bram) was on the floor where he gave a very creditable performance with the lovely young lass. He even put on a brogue that could be cut with a knife. We all agreed that *this* was the highpoint of the evening.

After a standing ovation, when asked for an encore, Morris responded with his now famous reply "eighty-six."

Moe Weinschel,
President, INS of Queens, N.Y.

. . . at an Airport Bomb Scare

Morris — you never knew this — but upon your last visit to Detroit, there was a bomb scare at the Airport. They were looking for a white male, middle-aged man and I could just see them pulling you off the plane and doing to you what they had just finished doing to me! (They had me lie against the hallway, spread eagle and empty all my pockets — with two huge policemen checking me out.)

Thank God — as you came into the Airport, the "all-clear" was given. As it was, I was so nervous thinking that any minute you would enter the Airport and see your host lined up and being frisked by airport police. What kept going through my mind was, that if Morris thought this as the Welcoming Committee, "Well-forget it."

Syd Bluestone, AINA Board Member



Morris . . . on the Golan Heights in the Galilee explains the 1967 War near a shattered Syrian tank.



Morris . . . with M. Sanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel.

... at a Canadian TV Studio

I remember back in January 1974 when Morris, Nahum Hachohen and myself taped a T.V. program in Montreal discussing Israel coin collecting and the INS of Montreal. Later that evening in my house, as we were watching the T.V. program and Morris saw himself on the screen, beaming at himself watching, he commented "*I never realized I was so bald,*" as he saw the floodlights reflecting off the top of his head.

Issie Baum,

President, INS of Montreal

... Morris Makes New Friends

I remember back in February of 1968, when Manny and I came to New York passing through on our way to visit Israel, Morris Bram arranged to meet us at our hotel in Times Square and take us to the *El Al* Airlines. We had set the hour at 2:00 P. M. But it seems that at 1:30 P. M. we had a bomb scare in the hotel and we were all ordered to leave the hotel. Morris was to meet us in the lobby!



Morris . . . he meets with Mint officials in Jerusalem to give his counsel.

We had never met before and I was not too sure what Morris looked like! He finally located us standing outside in the freezing snow and carted us off to the airport, where we spent several hours getting acquainted and visiting. We shall never forget his thoughtfulness and kindness to us on this occasion. We found him to be charming . . . which he is . . . thoughtful . . . which he is . . . and delightful . . . which he is . . . **HE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT!** — Sylvia Haffner

... He Loaves this Story

I remember back in 1971 when Morris was on the AINA tour to Israel. My wife, Jean, was out in the Arab quarter and was taking pictures of some Arab women, not knowing it was verboten.

They were carrying loaves of bread and immediately used these, attacking her severely by beating her over the head with the bread. Morris was the first one to see it and came running over, pulled away the women, and said, "Half a loaf is better than none."

Maurice M. Gould



Morris . . . he honors Mrs. Teresa di Francisca, wife of designer/sculptor of U.S. Peace Dollar at 1974 AINA Convention.

I remember way back when Morris Bram was elected president of the *Long Island Coin Club*. He had to have the past president the late Harold Schornstein sit besides him because Morris was afraid to sit up there by himself because he thought he would not know what to say. Boy: how times have changed! — Edward Schuman

... He worried with Us

I will never forget my trip to Israel with Morris Bram "at the helm". He and his lovely wife Lena laughed with us, worried with us, got tired with us, but mostly ENJOYED. The great Bram-spirit permeated our entire group, even to helping some sick people continue with the trip. We all carried-on, knowing details would be arranged, food and lodging provided, and a completely happy American-Israel tour would have been arranged, AS PROMISED, by our leader, Morris Bram. He keeps his word. He knows his business. More than all of this, Morris is a man of loyalty, honesty, integrity, and capacity for genuine friendship. We all owe him a debt of gratitude, and I just wanted to say "Thank you, Morris". Eva Adams

... Reds vs. Yankees in Ohio

As a relatively new member of the *Coin World* editorial staff in the early 1960s, I attended my first *New York Metropolitan Numismatic Convention*. Morris took me aside, I thought to tell me about coins or coin collectors, but to my surprise to lecture me on the virtues of the *New York Yankees*. He said he would come to Ohio to see the *Reds* play the *Yankees* in the World Series sometime. The *Red* have been in a number of World Series since that time, but the *Yankees* . . . well, I'm still waiting.—John O. Amos, executive editorial director, Amos Press, Sidney, Ohio.

... A Godfather is Born!

After a luncheon meeting in Jerusalem in 1972 with Moshe Sanbar, Governor of the *Bank of Israel*, Yitzhak Avni of IGSAM; Ben Abelson, Ben Spencer (both of AINA) and myself had just succeeded in getting Sanbar's approval for the reinstitution of the *Chanukah* coin series.

As Avni was driving the four of us back to the King David Hotel, I remarked: "Now I know how it feels to be godfather to a set of Israel coins!" Response to this comment resulted in Avni nearly running off the road while Morris and the other doubled up with laughter! — J. Oliver Amos, *Coin World* Publisher.

... A bright orange hello

At our first installation banquet, last December, Morris Bram who few of us really knew, did something special which will long be remembered by our membership.

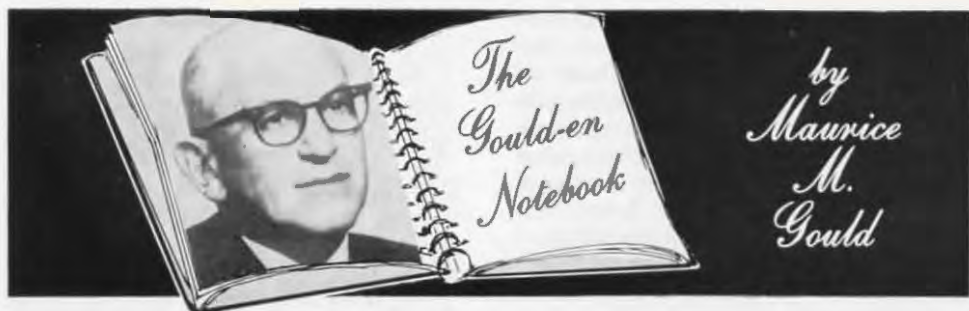
Unknown to any of us, Morris had made up a large number of special ribbons imprinted with: **INSOC — FIRST INSTALLATION BANQUET — DEC. 1975**. Furthermore, these were done in bright orange, in recognition of our Orange County, California location.

Wearing these attractive badges, we all walked around a little bit prouder that night, thanks to Morris Bram — Bob Koppel, President INSOC.

... He always comes thru

Morris Bram is one of those unusual persons that you occasionally meet — not too big for the "little guy" and not too small for the "big shot". If Morris said that he will do something, you can be assured that he would. He always came through with his promises. I am happy to call him a friend.

Harry Flower, Illinois



Back in January of 1962, the Israel Government Coins & Medals Co. Ltd. issued their first *Israel Numismatic Bulletin*. It was well done, as the editor was the late Leo Kadman, President of the *Israel Numismatic Society*. I had corresponded with him for a number of years and found him to be a very fine and learned numismatic scholar.

The first page of the issue has a short article on "The Commemorative Coins and State Medals of Israel," by Theodore Kollek, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

Kadman states in his foreword:

"The Israel Numismatic Bulletin is intended to fulfill a three-fold purpose: to contribute to numismatic research, to report on numismatic events, and to publish the successive catalogues of the Israel Coins & Medals Company."

Kadman goes on to state that countless ancient coins are buried in the soil of Israel and almost every day specimens are discovered on one site or another. He wanted to devote a special section to the publication of interesting finds and the historical research pertaining to them.

The *Bulletin* had many learned articles, one covering "An Unpublished Coin of Agrippa II," and "Temple Dues and Currency in Ancient Palestine in the Light of Recent Discovered Coin-Hoard." There was news of the International Numismatic Congress in Rome, the first numismatic convention in Israel, information on coin groups, and the information on the new medals and coins being minted.

While the *Bulletin* was in existence, it was a great asset to the collector and numismatist.

In 1962, the *Israel Numismatic Society* started to publish the *Israel Numismatic Journal*. Its editor also Leo Kadman and on its board of editors was Arie Kindler, whom I had the good fortune to meet on my trip to Israel. This *Journal* was intended to be an independent periodical devoted to scientific numismatic research and offered outstanding articles. One article was "The Inside Story of Israel's First Banknotes" by Kadman.

No native Jewish coinage appears to have existed until Antiochus VII. Sidetes granted Simon Maccabaeus the license to coin money in 140 B.C. It is now generally agreed that the oldest Jewish silver coins belong to this period. They are the $\frac{1}{2}$ shekel and shekel denominations.

With this silver, there was associated a copper coinage, some pieces which are supposed to reach as far back as Judas Maccabaeus. Most of these are marked $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ shekel and there is a piece which is supposed to be a sixth of a shekel.

The ordinary silver currency of Palestine was the Roman denarius, "the penny" so frequently mentioned in the bible. It was a silver piece equal to ten asses, but with the successive reductions of the ass, it had become, after the time of Augustus, equal to 16 asses. A denarius was considered the fourth part of the silver stater, which, in turn, was considered the equivalent of the shekel.

The study of the ancient Hebraic coins is a fascinating one and every collector should own a few of these historic pieces.

The ALPH BETH Page

...Dedicated to the Beginner

by Edward Janis



Q. A friend of mine from Jerusalem has sent me a coin which he hopes is rare and has asked me to inquire of its value. The coin is a 1 lira piece. On the reverse, instead of having the expected design of what appears to be a flower with three buds, it has the design of a candelabra (the design that is normally found on the back of the ½ lira). If the description makes any sense, might I have a reply?

K. F., Brooklyn, N. Y.

A. It is not a rarity. It is the common one lira design of 1963-1967 which was discontinued in 1967 as unacceptable due to the similarity in design and closeness in size—27.5 mm. vs. 24.5 mm. They have been gradually removed from circulation which would lead your friend from Jerusalem to feel that he had a rare item.

Q. In a history of the 1960 Herzl Gold piece, I note it is called: "Centenary of Theodor Herzl". What is this a celebration of?

R. M., Passaic, N. J.

A. His birth.

Q. At the AINA convention, I saw a 250 Pruta silver piece that had a reverse like the 1958 5 pound commemorative coin. What can you tell me about this piece? I have never heard of it before.

M. K., Lafayette, La.

A. It was a pattern that was proposed along with others for the 10th Anniversary coins. See Kagan, pg. 86, where it is listed. This denomination was turned down in favor of the one lira coin for Hanukka and the anniversary coin was only the 5 lirot pieces which followed for the next ten years.

Q. Somebody showed me a 250 Pruta piece that had a tiny H on the bottom of the wreath on the reverse.

He said that this was put in one die only by a Nazi in hiding and that the H stood for Hitler and as a rarity its worth over \$1000. What do you know about this?

T. J., Mansfield, Ohio.

A. Utter nonsense. The H was put on the silver 250 Pruta coins of 1949 as a mintmark of the Heaton Mint in England where they were struck. There were approximately 44,000 pieces made, and each is selling for ten-twelve dollars. I'll say this however: Your story is certainly the number one candidate for the weirdest, wildest question ever sent in to this column.

Q. I have found a bronze Israel Arthur Rubinstein 59mm die mule. The head and serial number are shifted 40° right from the normal medal. I would be interested in knowing if any other collectors have found this on their medal to tabulate the possible number minted this way. Would you please notify any collector that also has purchased this medal to check for the error. Thank you for your help, JMJ, Toronto, Canada.

A. There is nothing that is abnormal about your medal. The stamping of the State of Israel in Hebrew and English plus the emblem is a single stamping operation as is the addition of the serial number. These two operations may place the said inscription plus emblem at any spot on the edge. The number is usually diametrically opposite this. Occasionally, by error, either or both edge devices may be missing. Also, because the addition of the number is a hand operation, the number is not always 180° opposite the emblem. It may be 140° or 200° clockwise from the center of the emblem. These numbers, again because it is a hand operation, may have two digits high, one low and one in line.



BANK OF ISRAEL ISSUES TWO NEW BANKNOTES HONORING HONORING MONTEFIORI, HERZL

The *Bank of Israel* has put into circulation two banknotes of the new 4th Series: IL 10.- on January 30, 1975 and IL 100.- on March 14, 1975.

10-Pound Note: Montefiori

Portrait: Sir Moses Montefiori

Colour: Pink-purple

Size: 76 x 135 mm.

Front:

Portrait of Sir Moses Montefiori; the building: "Mishkanot Shaananim" with the windmill at Yemin Moshe, Jerusalem; the words "Bank of Israel" and "Ten Israeli Pounds" in Hebrew; the figure "10" in the upper righthand corner and upper lefthand corner; the signatures: Moshe Sanbar, Governor of the Bank and David Horowitz, Chairman of the Advisory Council; year: 5733 (in Hebrew) — 1973; two dots for the blind at the lower lefthand corner.

Back:

Jaffa Gate and the Citadel with David's Tower, in Jerusalem; "Bank of Israel" in Hebrew, Arabic and English; the figure "10" at the upper righthand corner, at the upper lefthand corner and at the lower lefthand corner; the figure "10" in Arabic at the lower righthand corner; numbering upper lefthand side and lower righthand side.

Special Features:

Watermark: *Sir Moses Montefiori in profile, located in the plain "slip."*

Dots for the Blind: *Two dots, filled with parallel lines, are printed in intaglio so that the blind may recognize by touch the denomination of the banknote. First such use was made on the Dutch banknotes. The Bank of Israel adopted this pattern by authorization.*

Invisible Barcodes: *On the reverse of the banknote, two bars of binary codes are imprinted in invisible phosphorescent ink for subsequent authentication of the banknote genuineness through a computer detection system.*

The banknote was designed by the Israel graphic artist Mr. Paul Kor. Mr. Adrian Senger, the Italian banknote designer, prepared the designs for printing. Belgian artists engraved the portrait and the other features on the banknote.

100-Pound Note: Herzl

Portrait: *Benyamin Zeev Herzl*

Dominant Colour: *Blue*

Size: *76 x 147 mm.*

Front: *Portrait of B. Z. Herzl; the entrance to Mount Herzl; the words "Bank of Israel" and "One Hundred Israeli Pounds" in Hebrew; the figure "100" in the upper righthand corner and upper lefthand corner; the signatures: Moshe Sanbar, Governor of the Bank and David Horowitz, Chairman of the Advisory Council; year: 5573 (in Hebrew) — 1973.*



Back: *Zion Gate, Jerusalem; "Bank of Israel" in Hebrew, Arabic and English; the figure "100" at the upper righthand corner, at the upper lefthand corner and at the lower lefthand corner; the figure "100" in Arabic at the lower righthand corner; numbering upper lefthand side and lower righthand side.*

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It may be worthwhile to mention that these two banknotes have undergone a plastification process which covers the paper with a bright coating and gives it more elasticity which prolongs its durability.

The *Bank of Israel* does not, on purpose, print banknotes which portray living persons.

As stipulated by law, it is forbidden to photograph, copy, engrave or draw in any other way the banknotes in circulation, towards any purpose whatsoever without prior authorization in writing from the *Bank of Israel*.

NEW MINT-MARK TRADE COIN SET ANNOUNCED

The 1975 Official Mintmarked set has been minted by the *Bank of Israel* especially for collectors, with all six denominations in a uniform silver like colour, mintmarked with a tiny Star of David.

In view of the limited quantities available, a maximum order of one set per subscriber will be accepted.

The mint set contains a 1 Agora coin, a 5 Agorot coin, a 10 Agorot coin, a 25 Agorot coin, a Half-Lira coin, and a 1 Lira coin. The motifs are inspired by ancient Hebrew coins which feature the seven species mentioned in the Bible and by vessels from the Temple of Jerusalem.

1 Agora: *Three ears of barley; pruta coins of Agrippa I (43 CE.). 1 g. Aluminum. Scalloped edges.*

5 Agorot: *Three pomegranates; motif appearing on a frieze from Capernaum Synagogue (3rd Century). 2.3 g. Cupronickel. Plain edge.*

10 Agorot: *Seven branched palm tree; Roman 'Judae Capta' (70 CE) and Bar Kokhba Revolt coins (132-5 CE). 5 g. Cupronickel. Plain edge.*

25 Agorot: *Three stringed lyre; silver dinars and bronze coins of the Bar Kokhba Revolt. 6.5 g. Cupronickel. Plain edge.*

Half-Lira: *Seven branched candelabrum (menorah) of the Emblem of the State; bas relief of the Arch of Titus, Forum of Rome, depicting spoils from the Jerusalem Temple destroyed in 70 CE. 6.8 g. Cupronickel. Milled edges.*

1 Lira: *Three pomegranates in stage between flower and fruit; shekels of the War of the Jews against Rome (First Revolt, 66-70 CE). 9 g. Cupronickel. Milled edges.*

FIGURES ANNOUNCED FOR 1975 SILVER AND GOLD 27th ANNIVERSARY COINS

Mintage figures for the 1975 dated silver 25-pound and gold 500-pound coins marking the 25th anniversary of the Israel Bonds Organization have been revised from earlier reports, according to Yitzhak Avni, director-general of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corp., Jerusalem.

The coins are struck on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of Israeli independence.

Final mintage for the silver coin measuring 40-millimeter and weighing 30 grams, is 98,000 Uncirculated and 72,000 Proof. This is the largest silver coin to be struck for Israel to date.

The gold 500-pound coin, originally scheduled to be struck in the same size as the 1974-dated Ben-Gurion 500-pound commemorative, 35-mm., and 28 grams, has been changed to measure 30-mm., and weigh 20 grams. Avni commented, "We deemed it necessary to change the technical details of our commemorative coin because it bears a new nominal value."

The gold coin is being housed in a special hand-made olive wood box, available to overseas subscribers only; Israel collectors will receive the coin in a plastic box. Olive wood symbolizes Israel. The 500-pound coin is being struck in 22-karat gold at the Utrecht Mint in Holland and bears "mem" mark.

Avni also advised that all master dies and working dies pertaining to Israel's 1973-dated Hannuka coin, 1974-dated Pidyon Haben coin and 1974-dated Independence day coin have been destroyed, according to a letter of certification received from S. Peled, Secretary General of the Bank of Israel in Jerusalem.

A large number of Israel gold commemorative coins are being melted from previous years including 1973-dated 25th anniversary coins as follows: 50-pounds, 3,500; 100-pounds, 1,250 and 200-pounds, 800.

The 1974-dated Ben Gurion 500-pound coin meltage is 5,700 pieces, according to Avni. He commented that he "would have no difficulty in selling these coins to commercial outlets, but this does not serve the interest of Israel numismatics, while the reduction of mintage figures is calculated to protect the collector and ensure his investment."



GHETTO FIGHTERS HOUSE

ISSUES NEW MEDAL

In commemoration of the 1,500,000 Jewish soldiers of Allied Armies in WWII, the Ghetto Fighters House, D.N. Oshrat 25220, Israel. 59mm in bronze, \$16.00; silver-plated—\$20.00; gold-plated—\$23.00; and in silver (80g)—\$80.00. Price includes postage.

OVERPRINTED OTTOMAN 5-PIASTRE NOTE DATES TO BRITISH BASE FOR JEWISH LEGION

by Dr. Samuel Halperin

One fascination in collecting the numismatics of the Holy Land is that of unraveling a mystery, telling a story from isolated scraps and fragments of history.

Here's an example of a story "waiting to be told." Readers of *The Shekel* can help by sharing their knowledge and, thus, increasing our collective understanding of the monies of *Eretz Israel*.

Today's speeding traveler on the main road from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem will hardly give a thought to the village marker: "Tserifin". Yet, in earlier times, this was a major landmark: *Sarafand* (sometimes spelled Sarafend or Surafend), a suburb of the metropolis of Ramleh.

Perched on a hill at the northwest edge of Ramleh (and due East of the premier Jewish colony of Rishon Le-Zion), Sarafand and Ramleh sit strategically at the junction of the main historic caravan routes from Syria to Egypt and, east-west, from Jaffa to Jerusalem.

Thus, it was here that the Arab conquerors of Palestine chose to build their capital of Ramleh. Founded by Suleiman around 716 C.E., and the only city built in Palestine by the Arabs, Ramleh later was also the seat of a Crusader bishopric, "St. George of Lydda". Here, too, in 1102, Crusader King Baldwin was defeated by an Egyptian army and in 1187 Saladin the Great sealed his reconquest of the Holy Land by a triumphal entry into Ramleh.

Ramleh-Sarafand atrophied, as did most of the Holy Land, under the Mamelukes, Ottomans and Turks. Then, late in the First World War, Bri-

tain's Egyptian Expeditionary Force, under General Sir Edmund H. H. Allenby, smashed into the area, routing the Turks and their German military advisors during a difficult one-year campaign.

Sarafand was taken by the British on November 15, 1917; Ramleh the next day. At that time, the area's population exceeded 7,000, thus making it one of Palestine's larger towns and a major war prize.

Vladimir Jabotinsky, one of the founders of the Jewish Legion, relates* Sarafand's next moves onto the scene of world history. In retaliation for the shooting of a comrade, Australian troops razed the Arab town to the ground, killing a number of male residents (after first sending the women and children to safety).

Devoid of population, Sarafand next became a base for that part of the Jewish Legion known as the 40th Battalion of Royal Fusiliers, formed from Young Jews of the Palestinian *yishuv*. These 1,500 Legionnaires—one-third of the entire Jewish Legion—had trained in Egypt but were deliberately kept away from Palestine during the height of Allenby's offensive in order to prevent Jews from playing too visible a role in the defeat of the Turks. After repeated Zionist entreaties, however, the 40th Battalion finally reached Sarafand in December 1918, more than a year after its conquest.

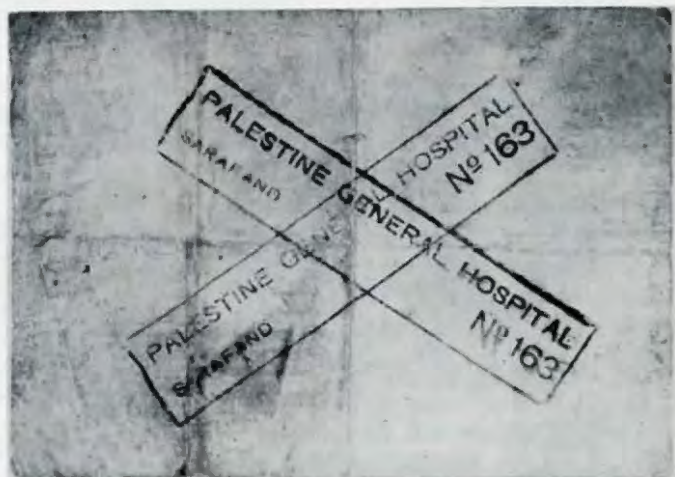
Under the British Mandate for Palestine, Sarafand became one of the

*In his "The Story of the Jewish Legion" (N. Y., Bernard Ackerman, 1945), pp. 149, 162.

Common
5-Piastre
State Note
of the
Ottoman
Ministry.



Normally
blank
reverse
is stamped
"PALESTINE
GENERAL
HOSPITAL,
SARAFAND,
No. 163."



largest military installations in the entire Middle East. Which brings us to our incomplete numismatic tale.

The photographs show, on the obverse, a common 5 piastre State Note of the Ottoman Ministry of Finance. Printed at Leipzig, Germany, by the firm of Giesecke and Devrient, the note has the standard hook watermark, measures 115 x 83 mm., and is printed in olive green ink on white paper. The date is 1332-6, corresponding to August 1916.

The reverse of the note, *normally blank*, is rubber stamped twice, in a criss-cross fashion: "Palestine General Hospital, Sarafand, No. 163." It is

clear that Ottoman banknotes circulated freely as legal tender in Palestine from the British conquest of 1917-18 until 1920, when they were replaced by Egyptian currency (which, in turn, circulated until the Palestine Currency (which, in turn, circulated until the Palestine Currency Board issue of 1927). However, the note shown here may be the first known Ottoman note to have been overprinted by the British during their early occupation of Palestine. For further information, the author is entirely dependent on *The Shekel's* readers. Perhaps conscientious correspondents will help to piece together this missing chapter in the numismatics of *Eretz Israel*.

IN MEMORIAM

BENJAMIN N. SPENCER

Benjamin N. Spencer, a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of AINA, passed away in May after a short illness. An active numismatist with broad-ranging interests, his special interest in Israel led to his contribution of endless hours and all of his skills as an attorney, businessman and numismatic leader. He was an active member of a number of numismatic clubs and a past officer of many.

His special efforts on behalf of AINA in relationships with state and federal government offices, as an arbiter and legal counsel in relation to a variety of AINA contracts with publishers and others made it possible for the Board to conduct major AINA undertakings secure in the knowledge that his work would protect AINA interests. He made friends wherever he went; and to say that he was loved and is loved does not fully explain the unique contribution he made to the quality of life of those about him.

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FELIX WOLF

Felix Wolf, AINA Life Member #58, an active member of the INS of Greater Miami Beach and a dedicated worker on behalf of the American Israel Numismatic Association and its programs passed away earlier this year. Mr. Wolf made friends for AINA and for Israel through his love of people and for the cultural world encompassed in the social relations evidenced by numismatics. He cannot be replaced; we are determined that he will never be forgotten.

The Board of Directors of the INS of Greater Miami Beach is joined by the numerous members of the national board who knew and loved this tireless supporter of AINA's programs which lead towards a better world and peace.

IRVING GOLUB

Irving Golub, an active numismatist and dedicated charter member of AINA and of the INS of New York passed away early this Spring, barely weeks after he had retired following a lifetime in the food and liquor industry. Mr. Golub won many friends when he and his wife worked tirelessly at the Registration Desk of the Second Annual Greater New York Coin Convention in 1974. He was four years treasurer of the INS of New York. He made friends wherever he joined with people in the interests of a better world. His memory will be revered. AINA shares the mourning with his wife and family.

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BANK NAMES HANUKKA COIN DESIGNERS

Shamir Brothers, Ramat Gan, Israel, were named winners of the design contest for the 1976 (year 5736) Hanukka coin, according to a spokesman for the Bank of Israel.

Z. Grundman, Jerusalem, was declared runner-up in the contest.

The Festival of Lights, (Hanukka), celebration will begin on Nov. 29, 1975, for the Jewish year 5736.

The 25-pound Pidyon Haben coin, also for year 5736, was designed by Gaby Neuman, Herzliya B., Israel, a Bank of Israel spokesman indicated. Second place winner was Studio Roli, operated by partners Rothschild and Lippman, Tel Aviv. Third place designer was N. Karp, Jerusalem.

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COINS 28th AMONG ISRAEL'S LEADING EXPORTS

What products are exported from Israel by the top 50 exporters in dollar volume? One finds oil and aircraft; chemicals and bromine; coins and medals.

The *Jerusalem Post* recently surveyed the top 50 exporters who exceeded \$4.3 million or more annual export business. There were 157 firms which passed the \$1 million mark.

SILVER AND GOLD COINS ANNOUNCED



Israel's 27th Independence Day coin commemorates the 25th Anniversary of State of Israel Bonds, a numismatic tribute to the dedicated voluntary efforts of investors in Israel's development and future. They are legal tender issued by the *Bank of Israel*.

These coins, bearing on the obverse the notation "25 years State of Israel Bonds", stylized with a Star of David multiplying in silhouettes will be minted in three varieties: IL 25 — Silver BU, maximum mintage 98,000 at \$21.00; IL 25 — Silver Proof, maximum mintage 72,000 at \$42.00 and IL 500 — Gold Proof, maximum mintage 51,500 at \$417.00 (excluding postage and handling charges). The price of these coins, in comparison to 1974, are lower by approximately 20%.

The gold coin will be encased in an attractive and newly designed olive wood box. The two silver varieties of this historic coin will be struck in 40 mm diameter and will weigh 30 grams, an innovation in Israel Numismatics since its inception. Quantities will not exceed maximum mintage figures quoted.

The total orders received and paid for by the 30th of June, 1975 (which will be implemented on a first-come,

first-served basis), will constitute the final quantity struck even if these figures are lower than the maximum mintage announced.

Each coin will be accompanied by an illustrated prospectus with full numismatic information, background history and photographs.

Description of the coin:

Obverse: The nominal value IL 25 for the silver issue, and IL 500 for the gold issue. Below, the official emblem of the State; on the left rim, the inscription "Israel" in Hebrew, English and Arabic and the date 1975 with its equivalent Hebrew date:

Reverse: Stylized Star of David multiplying in silhouettes. On the rim the words: "25 Years State of Israel Bonds" in Hebrew and English.

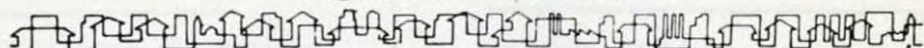
Details of the coin:

Cat. No.	Value	Metal	Wt.	Diam.	Qty.
42301890	IL 500	Gold/900	20 g	30 mm	51,500
31501885	IL 25 Proof	Silver/800	30 g	40 mm	72,000
31401873	IL 25 BU	Silver/800	30 g	40 mm	98,000

The design was by Zvi Narkis of Tel-Aviv. Minting in silver is at the Government of Israel Mint in Jerusalem; the gold issue is minted by the Utrecht Mint, Holland.

Delivery is planned for Fall, 1975.

Club News



WASHINGTON, D. C. CLUB BULLETIN ADDS EXCHANGE COLUMN

The INS of Washington, D. C. recently announced its plan to feature an "exchange/for sale" section in its monthly bulletin. Corresponding secretary, Julius Cohn, will collect the necessary information from members interested in selling, buying or exchanging numismatic items.

CLEVELAND CLUB HEARS EXPERTS ON COINS AND MEDALS

Recent meetings of the Israel Numismatic Society of Cleveland have been highlighted by the appearance of guest-speakers. Dr. Yaakov Meshorer, curator of numismatics at the Israel Museum discussed "*Highlights in Jewish Numismatics*." "*The Gold Coins of Israel*" was the title of a late winter slide lecture presented by Ray Nolan who focused upon the history of several coins and analyzed their appreciation in value in recent years. Sanford Brown, a mechanic in Israel's Air Force, related numismatics to the Air Force. An illustrated slide lecture on the medallic history of the Jewish people which had earlier been shown at the 2nd INS Great Lakes Seminar was presented by Max Gladstone who made arrangements to show the material provided by the Judaic Heritage Society.

SAN GABRIEL GROUP ORGANIZES 2nd ANNUAL COIN-STAMP SHOW

The Israel Numismatic Society of San Gabriel recently sponsored their second two-day *Annual Holyland Coin and Stamp Show* in the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena. Sally

Marx and President Lester Dubin served as co-chairpersons and coordinated 25 Society members working in 13 committees. Twelve dealers bought, sold, and traded ancient and modern coins and stamps. A highlight of the show was a display of wood souvenirs and medals by Mel Wacks, a Director of AINA and numismatic consultant to the Magnes Museum.

INS OF PENNSYLVANIA SEES DOCUMENTATION OF THE HOLOCAUST

Member Arnold Shay shared his knowledge of the Holocaust with members of the Israel Numismatic Society of Pennsylvania. His lecture which has been delivered to many organizations and school classes was accompanied by slides showing letters, postmarks,



Moe Weinschel, AINA Board Member (extreme right) congratulating Randy Willis (centre) on becoming INS of Michigan's youngest member (9 years old). Randy also joined AINA. From left to right: INS of Michigan President Dr. "Burt" Zack; Vice-President Phil Charnes and Mrs. Diane Colton, Treasurer and co-chairman of the Great Lakes Seminar, 1974.

photographs, documents and currency of World War II Jewish history. Another recent club speaker, Mrs. Norman Bram, President of the Philadelphia Zionist Federation, spoke on the subject of the current political situation in Israel, reported Ray Verbit, corresponding secretary.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CLUB HEARS GUEST SPEAKERS

The Israel Coin Club of San Fernando Valley has featured guest speakers at recent meetings. The Jaffa (M-44) and Jerusalem (M-46) coin medals of Israel were the focus of a narrated slide program presented during the spring by educational chairman, Dr. Herbert Drapkin.

INS OF TEXAS HOLDS AUCTION

Members of the Israel Numismatic Society of Texas recently took part in an auction featuring coins, tokens, paper money, scrip and other related collector pieces. A movie entitled, *"Seven Walls of Jerusalem,"* was screened after the auction to an audience assembled in Houston, noted president Irving Passman in a bulletin to members.

INS OF NEW JERSEY HEARS "EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT..."

A *"Bourse Nite"* was coordinated recently by the Israel Numismatic Society of New Jersey. After the trading, members listened to Sol Rivelis' description of his experiences in Israel which he visited as a member of the AINA Israel Tour. Many children of the club members recently took part in a meeting of young numismatists.

Member Eric Baelen recently presented a numismatic quiz and a talk entitled, "Everything You Wanted to Know about Israel Numismatics and were Afraid to Ask." Baelen, a collec-

tor of U. S. coinage, became a fascinated collector of Israeli coins by starting with a purchase of a set of Pidyon HaBen coins in anticipation of the arrival of a son. It was a girl—and today Eric Baelen is a commemorative collector.

ILLINOIS CLUB HEARS ABOUT ANCIENT EGYPTIAN RULER

Gerda Frank, formerly with the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, presented a program with slides on the Egyptian ruler Akhenato, c. 1375 B.C., at the INS of Illinois this Spring.

"Early History of the Jews in America" was the subject of a narrated slide program presented by Rabbi Norman Berlat at a recent meeting. Also featured at this meeting were Harry Flower's and Robert Leonard's collections of international coins depicting the *Star of David* design. Robert Leonard also displayed his recent *INSI Brief* article on the subject, along with related coins. Ben Odesser intrigued all with a variety of old checks from "District No. 1, Independent Order of Benai Berith, New York" from the 1800's. Also exhibited were four varieties of the Moses with Ten Commandments elongated coins which may have been made at the *New York World's Fair*. (See *The Elongated Collector* by Dottie Dow, Imperial Litho, Phoenix, Arizona, 1965).

TIDEWATER GROUP HEARS MESHORER

The Israel Numismatic Society of Tidewater, Virginia recently heard Dr. Yaakov Meshorer, the well-known Israeli numismatist, discuss the usage of coins in ancient times. Dr. Meshorer explained that coins served as a universal language and as a means of advertising prior to being employed as a financial exchange. The group meets monthly on Wednesday evenings at the *Norfolk Jewish Community Center*.

ORANGE COUNTY HEARS TALK ON MANDATE COINAGE

Marty Tanner, a member of the Israel Numismatic Society of Orange County, who recently became a dealer specializing in Israeli coins spoke before the group on the history of pre-Israeli coinage in Israel. In another Spring program, Len Sterling gave a talk on "Coin Grading and Collecting."

MASSACHUSETTS INS MEETS AT HEBREW COLLEGE

The Israel Numismatic Society of Massachusetts recently heard Dr. Yaakov Meshorer, curator of numismatics at the Israel Museum, speak about "Highlights in Jewish Numismatics." This meeting was held at Hebrew College in Brookline where a display of numismatic literature was also featured. Members learned that Hebrew College will sponsor a course on *Israel Numismatics*, possibly the first of its kind in U. S. education history.

JERSEY BUYS TREES IN AINA FOREST

The Israel Numismatic Society of Central Jersey recently arranged for purchase of 25 trees in the AINA Forest in honor of the club's *Second Anniversary*. Paul Drucker, vice-president, presented a talk and slide-show on anti-Semitic coinage at another meeting. His presentation covered coins, medals, propaganda pieces and concentration camp currency.

Recently elected officers include:

President — Allan Greenberg

Vice President — Eric Baelen

Treasurer — George Evers

Recording Secretary — Louis Zisholz

Corresponding Secretary — Anne Greenberg

Sergeant-at-arms — Max Savitsky

To the Executive Committee:

Members-at-large:

1 year — Carl Rosenblum

1 year — Nick Sicurella

2 years — Joe Dickler

2 years — Abe Gelb

Permanent: David Paszament

BALTIMORE COOPERATES WITH STAMP GROUP

Dr. Yaakov Meshorer, curator of the *Israel Museum* in Jerusalem, recently spoke before the INS of Baltimore on the origins of symbols on ancient and modern Israeli coins. Other recent club activities included sharing a booth with the Baltimore Chapter of the *Society of Israel Philatelists* at the *Beth Tfiloh Congregation*.

A ball game at Annapolis in March won group attention. The Israeli National Basketball team was to play the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. A good turnout for the game was encouraged.

LOS ANGELES GROUP LEARNS ABOUT PAPER MONEY

Among the programs recently featured at the Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles was member Sally Marx's discussion of Israeli paper money. Inventor Stanley Weinberg spoke in May on the detection of false coins. "Learning to read Hebrew dates and numerical values on coins and currency of Israel" was the theme of a lecture presented by Claire and Ben Abelson. Val Mogensen, president of the group for only a few months, resigned because an employment opportunity took him to Philadelphia.

TORONTO HOLDS SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST SESSIONS

The INS of Toronto was recently addressed by Allan Ben-David who conducted a slide show on "Historical City-Coin Medals." The Toronto group meets on Sunday mornings for a breakfast at 8:30 and starts the general meeting at 9:45 a. m. in the Harbour Castle Hotel.

WESTCHESTER HEARS LECTURE ON BAR KOCHBA COINAGE

Recent speakers at the Westchester Israel Numismatic Society included Ed

Janis and Dr. Yaakov Meshorer. Janis spoke on the Judaea Capta, Israel Liberata coins and medals. "*The Coinage of Bar-Kochba*" was the subject of Dr. Meshorer's lecture, noted Philip Sperber in a bulletin mailed to all members.

QUEENS NOTIFIED OF MEETING . . . VIA MAIL FROM ISRAEL

Members of the INS of Queens received their April Meeting notice via Israel. Moe Weinschel, the club's new president, arranged for the March mailing in Israel of the April meeting bulletin in order to surprise club members with the Israeli postmark.

The following members will serve as the club's first elected slate of officers:

- President* - Moe Weinschel
- First Vice-President* - Dave Nathan
- Second Vice-President* - J. J. Van Grover
- Treasurer* - Arthur Reich
- Corresponding Secretary* - Rose Reich
- Recording Secretary* - Jules Lambek

A report on the AINA Tour and advance notice of planning for the May AINA-sponsored Greater New York Coin Convention was made part of the April meeting.

CONNECTICUT HEARS MESHORER

The INS of Connecticut was recently visited by Dr. Yaakov Meshorer, numismatic curator of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The general public was invited to the event at the Hartford Jewish Community Center, noted Al Gledhill, president of the group. The Gledhills are frequent visitors to the Holy Land.

BROOKLYNITES BRAVE SNOWSTORM TO TOUR PHILADELPHIA'S FRANKLIN MINT

Thirty-four members of the Israel Numismatic Society of Brooklyn visited the Franklin Mint in Philadelphia, while a severe snowstorm prevailed.

Starting at 8 A.M. and pushing ahead through heavy snow, the group arrived to find that the snowstorm had caused the early dismissal of mint employees except for the tour guides assisting the Brooklynites. Among those responsible for the all-day trip's arrangements were Alice Reid, Alan Weinberg, Frank Delatorre, Sam Schatz and Dave Greenberg. An auction was held on the bus with Barton Sobel acting as auctioneer during the ride home. The group is considering a Washington trip for 1976.

MONTREAL LAUNCHES CIRCULATING BOOK SYSTEM AT MEETINGS

The Israel Numismatic Society of Montreal recently opened their numismatic library with Robert Teitlebaum serving as the library's first chairman. Many numismatic bulletins such as *Seaby's* bulletins and *Spink's Numismatic Circulars* and several books were donated by member Paul Wellisch. The modest start of nearly 20 volumes will make it possible to launch a program with members borrowing a book at one meeting and returning it at the next.

The 10-Pound Commemorative Coin slide-tape program was featured at a late April meeting.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(Cont.)

the magnificent Kennedy Memorial—a new grove has been started with seedlings today—and green forest for your grandchildren not too many years from now.

We returned to plunge into the preparations of AINA's *Third Annual Convention*: the *Greater New York Coin Convention* in the first days of May. They were four days packed with activities for our visitors from about half the states of the U.S.—from as far as California and up from Florida. At this convention we installed the new members elected to your Board of Directors: Ben Abelson (*California*); Maurice Gould (*California*); Robert Messing (*New York*); A. H. Kagan (*New York*); and Sidney Olson (*Florida*).

The convention had a memorable AINA Day with excellent numismatic presentations by Ed Schuman (*Florida*) and Sylvia Haffner (now of New York and Jerusalem). Yitzhak Avni held a fascinated audience with his banquet talk on Israel's quest for a peaceful world. Our Youth Day was a smash success. Again: photos and words simply do not bring you the depth of emotion which one experiences as a participant.

At our AINA Day luncheon, hosted by the six nearest INS clubs and your national office, we brought news of the planned AINA banquet to be held in August at the annual meeting of the ANA in Los Angeles. It'll be vacation time: we hope you'll join us for this great conclave.

Finally, your new Board of Directors met for a work session and made plans for continued AINA growth. 1975 will bring new clubs into existence and new expanded programs of educational aids to present clubs. To implement these programs, your Board authorized creation of the first fulltime AINA offices and staff. We will be located in a modern building on the way from the airport to New York City. At last: you'll have an office to call, people to help with problems, modern record-keeping facilities, im-

proved services capability. We'll let the September *Shekel* show in photos what our efforts together have achieved—and finally, your president was elected at the Board as your president until 1977—when we'll be *Ten Years Old*, a suitable occasion to commemorate with the striking of a medal.

Shalom,
Morris Bram,
President

COINS IN BIBLE

FEATURED IN WORLD COINS

—JULY

"How were Temple taxes paid before coins were used? What coins were paid to Judas for the betrayal? Why did Jesus overturn the tables of the money changers in the Temple?"

These, and dozens of other references to coins in both the Old and New Testaments are answered by the Associate Editor of *The Shekel* Mel Wacks in the July ("Israel") issue of *World Coins*, published by Amos Press Inc., Sidney, Ohio. Relevant quotations from the Scriptures are also included.

The first time the Jews were able to pay their half shekel annual Temple tax in their own currency occurred during the First Revolt prior to the destruction of the Temple. More coins connected with the Temple were struck during the Second Revolt, under the Second Revolt, under Kochba after 130 A.D., described by Wacks.

Coins pertaining to the Temple are illustrated throughout the Wacks feature.

Reprints of the feature will not be available, but until the supply of extra copies is sold, the magazine may be ordered for the single copy price of 75 cents from *World Coins, Post Office Box 150, Sidney, Ohio 45365*.

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